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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant for Plans and Development, NPIC

ATTENTION : Development Branch, Intelligence Systems Section

FROM : Chief, Photographic Intelligence Division, CIA

SUBJECT : [ ] 2X Stereoscopic Attachment for [ ] Zoom 70

1. The Operations Support Staff of the Photographic Intelligence Division has reviewed the proposal submitted by the [ ] dated 12 March 1965 in which they propose to design a prototype model of a 2X pre-magnification stereoscopic attachment for the [ ] Zoom 70. The conceptual approach taken by [ ] and your monitors is an interesting one and if found to be feasible from an engineering and optical design standpoint, would significantly extend the useful life of the [ ] Zoom 70 microscopes in NPIC. At the present time there are some 100 of these instruments in the Photographic Intelligence Division and a total of over 350 within the building.

2. Purchase of production models of this instrument would be, of course, dependent upon the prototype meeting the specifications outlined in the proposal. If these specifications are met, the Photographic Intelligence Division will be extremely interested in procuring sufficient stereoscopic attachments to equip all of the microscopes in the division. Of particular interest in this proposal are the fixed price estimates to fabricate the production models and the rapid rate of delivery starting two months after the delivery of the prototype. These indicate that the manufacturer is confident of his ability and, as evidenced by the specifications outlined in the proposal, has given considerable thought to the problem.

3. The Photographic Intelligence Division requests that this item be brought to the Technical Development Committee as soon as feasible in order that a prototype may be procured at the earliest possible date. It is also hoped that contractual action will be completed as rapidly as possible in order to allow testing of the prototype and purchase of production models.

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4. The Operations Support Staff wishes to express its appreciation to the Plans and Development Staff and especially to [ ] for briefing us on this piece of equipment and for making available to us the proposal and the engineering drawings for study.

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